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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Disposition of the Multi-Format Data Block Reader Purchased
by GIMRADA Under Contract []

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1. Under subject contract two Data Block Readers were designed and fabricated by []. One reader has been located in PD/IEG since completion. The other reader, since the Army determined they had no requirement for it, was sent to [] for evaluation and experimentation. This has now been completed and disposition of the Army reader must be determined.

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2. On 4 June 1968 I contacted the Contract Monitor, [] at the U. S. Army Topographic Laboratory (formerly GIMRADA) to ascertain what disposition was intended, at the same time stating that we would like to get it into [] to complement the reader already installed here, thus permitting faster readout of the mission data. Later the same week I contacted [] to enlist his support for transferring the reader to NPIC.

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3. PD/IEG has on several occasions expressed the desire to obtain the second reader to speed-up the mission readout and for that reason the above action was taken. Additionally, since we furnish AMS with the readout data, there is no reason for them to duplicate our effort by reading-out the data themselves. Another valid reason for installing it in [] is that PD/IEG has determined that the most errorless readout is by the use of dupe negatives on the reader rather than dupe positives. To my knowledge, AMS does not get a DN from the processing facility for operational use.

4. Follow-on action will be taken for transfer of the reader to NPIC if a favorable decision is made.

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